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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

THURSDAY, October 13th, 1881.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Kenansville Eastern Association convened with the Colored Baptist Church at Kenansville, N. C., at 10 o'clock a. m. The exercises were opened by singing hymn 543—"Yes, mighty Jesus! Thou shalt reign"—and reading the 1st Psalm. Prayer by the Moderator, after which he announced the house ready for business.

Elder M. A. Manuel having been appointed at the last session of the Association to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder D. T. Best, alternate, were present and occupied the pulpit, and Elder M. A. Manuel preached from the 11th Psalm.

On motion of Elder A. M. Conway, the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

The Association re.assembled at 2 o'clock and sung hymn 385—"Blest be the everlasting God." The Moderator read a portion of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Elder D. T. Best, after which the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

On motion of A. R. Middleton, the minutes of the morning session were read and, after correction, adopted.

On motion of Elder A. M. Conway, the delegates were enrolled. (See roll).

Elder A. M. Conway moved that the Association go into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Adopted.

On motion of A. R. Middleton, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of introducing the following brethren:

A. R. Middleton introduced to the Association Elder W. W. Colly, Missionary from Africa, Elder Cæsar Johnson, President of the Baptist State Convention of N. C., and Elder E. J. Bell, delegate to this Association from the Middle District Association, who went forward to the desk and received the right hand of welcome from the Moderator. The Association then rose to their feet and greeted them welcome.

The Moderator announced that the next thing in order was to proceed to elect officers, which resulted as follows:

For Moderator—Elder T. Parker, re-elected.
For Clerk—A. R. Middleton.
For Treasurer—B. A. Bizzell, re-elected.

On motion of Elder W. C. Cowan, the above was made unanimous.

On motion of Elder H. Lee, the following committees were appointed:

On Finance—Elders W. C. Cowan, A. M. Conway and Bros. H. C Wright, L. W. Alderman and Jesse Jacob, Sr.

On Religious Exercises—Bros. D. A. Williams, S. S. Stevens and R. B. Faison.

The following resolution was then offered by Elder A. M. Conway:

Be it resolved, That the hours of meeting and adjourning this Association be as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock a m., and adjourn at 12½ p. m; meet at 2 p. m., and adjourn at 5 p. m.; meet at 7 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Preaching to-night by Elders Simon Wilson and H. T. Smith, alternate. Sunrise prayer meeting conducted by Bros. Nicholas Moore and Henry Oates.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Association sung long meter doxology. Benediction by Elder W. W. Colley.

Evening Session.

Services commenced by singing on page 663. Read 27th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Elder H. T. Smith.

Elder Simon Wilson preached from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. Text 3d verse. Collected $1 11.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, October 14, 1881.

The Association met according to adjournment. Elder D. T. Best in the chair, who proceeded to read the 23rd Psalm. Prayer offered by Elder A. M. Conway.

The Moderator then stated that the house was ready for business.

Yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of A. C. Moore, the petitionary letters were called for.

On motion of Elder A. M. Conway, a committee of three was appointed to receive them, as follows: Elder W. R. Mainor, D. L. Smith and Henry Hayes.

On motion of Elder A. M. Conway, a committee of six was appointed to nominate correspondents to the several Associations and delegates to the State Convention, as follows: Elder Wm. Spears, Elder R. J. Lamb, N. Moore, R.B. Faison, B. A. Best and M. Holmes.

On motion of Bro. Allen Gillespie, the above appointment was confirmed.

On motion of Elder H. Lee to hear the reports of standing committees, they came forward and asked for further time, which was granted.

The committee on Religious Exercises made the following report: Preaching at the A. M. E. Church at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder H. Lee. Elder S. S. Smith, alternate.

On motion of Elder H. Lee, the following brethren were appointed reading clerks, as follows: Elder A. M. Conway, Elder C. Taylor and Rev. W. H. Savage.

The letters from the different churches were called for and read.

Services at the A. M. E. church at 11 o'clock. Text 3rd chapter of St. Mark and 29th verse. Collected 26 cents.

It being 12½ o'clock, the Association took a recess until 2 o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

Re-assembled at the usaal hour, at 2 o'clock, by reading and singing on page 872, by Elder W. W. Colley. Elder C. Johnson then read the 28th Psalm. Prayer by Elder C. Taylor.

After which the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

On motion of Elder A. M. Conway, the reading of the proceedings of the morning session was suspended in order to finish reading the church letters.

On motion of Elder D. T. Best, the following brethren were appointed on Foreign Mission work: Elders H. Lee, W. W. Colley, S. Larking and Bros. B. A. Best and L. A. Hodges.

After which the regular order of business was suspended and the Association and congregation were addressed by Elder W. W. Colley, from Africa, in relation to the heathen in that land, and showing why money should be raised for the support of the Missionary there. He exhibited several articles of materials used in Africa. A collection was taken up for that work amounting to $5.73.

The committee appointed on Foreign Mission work made their report. (See report.)

The committee on Religious Exercises made the following report:

Preaching at the A. M. E. church to-night by Elder C. Taylor, Rev. Thos. Thompson alternate; at the Baptist church by Elder R. J. Lamb, W. R. Mainor alternate; sun rise prayer meeting conducted by Bros. S. S. Stevens and Dr. A. Williams.

The Association then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, October 15, 1881.

The Association met at 9 o'clock according to adjournment. Sung hymn on page 663. The 5th chapter of Paul's Letter to the 1st Thessalonians was read by Elder Simon Wilson. Prayer offered by Elder E. J. Bell.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

On motion of S. S. Stevens, the roll of Association delegates was called, they being present.

On motion of Elder W. C. Cowan, the proceedings of yesterday afternoon were read, corrected and received.

On motion of Elder W. C Cowan, a committee of thirteen was appointed to be known as the Associational Foreign Mission Board.

The following constitute the committee and their Post Offices:

H. C. Wright, Chairman, Faison, N. C.; S. S. Stevens, Faison, N. C.; Elder C. Taylor, Clinton, N. C.; Peter Fennall, Harrell's Store, N. C.; Elder H. Lee, Burgaw, N. C.; Joseph Housten, Buena Vista, N. C.; Eld. H. T. Smith, Wilmington, N. C.; Wesley Jones, Long Creek, N. C.; D. L. Smith, Wilmington, N. C., Nicholas Moore, Wallace, N. C.; Elder A. M. Conway, Wilmington, N. C.; Elder A. Manuel, Beaman's Cross Roads, N. C.; A. R. Middleton, Kenansville, N. C.

The following donations were made for the benefit of the Foreign Mission work: Elder T. Parker, $1; Elder Wm. Spears, $1; H. Hayes, $1; A. Mashborn, $1; Jesse Jacob, jr., 50c.; G. A. Bizzell, 50c.; Byotte Roberson, 25c.; M. A. Manuel, 50c.; Elder James Carroll, 10c.; A. R.

Middleton, $1; Henry Oates, $1; Allen Gillespie, 50c.; C. T. Sampson, 50c; Harvia Williams, 10c.; Samuel Dixon, 9c.; Wright Dixon. 50c; J. W. Hill, 25c.; Liner Graham, 5c.; B. W. Williams, 25c.; Lucy Jane Byotte, 15c.; Nancy Williams, 25c; E. J. McCullough, 10c.; Sallie A. Faison, 25c.; Elder D. T. Best, $1; N. Moore, $1; J. M. Patterson, 25c.; L. A. Hodges, 25c.; Rev. Jack Swinson, $1; Gabriel Springfield, $1; Cato Oats, 25c; Wilder Williams, 5c.; Shade Conner, $1; Margy A. Kenan, 25c.; Peter Johnson, 25c.; J. H. Bird. 50c.; Alfred Boykin, 25c.; J. M. Highsmith, 25c.; Jackson Ferward, 25c.; Lucinda Byan, 25c.; Eld. H. Lee, $1; Gabriel Carr, 25c.; Balaam Grigory, 25c.; Linda Hurst, 25c.; Rachel Gillespie, 5c.; Anna Bryant, 5c.; Charity Stokes, 5c.; Judy Middleton, 10c.; Mary Cooper, 5c.; May Graham, 5c.; Harriet Oats, 5c.; Alice Stringfield, 10c.; Daniel Carr. 15c.; Joseph Houston, 25c.; Henry Griday, 25c; Caldona Carr, 10c.; Mary J. Phillips, 10c.; A. C. Moore, 25c; Jane Conner, 10c.; Andrew Dixon, 10c.; Rody Whitehead, 5c.; Rody Peterson, 5c; B. A. C. McGowen, 10c.; H. C. Wright, 25c.; Nancy A. Carr, 10c.; Lizzy Stevens, 5c.; Lizzy Middleton, 10c.; Samuel Chesnutte, 5c.; R. B. Faison, 60c—which amounted to $22.40.

On motion of M. Holmes, the following were appointed a Committee on Finance and place of next meeting of the Association: Bro. W. M. Dixon, Elder W. R. Mainor, I. J. McKensy, Allen Gillespie and M. Holmes.

On motion of A. C. Moore, the following were appointed a Committee on Grievances: Elders D. T. Best, S. S. Smith and R. J. Lamb.

On motion of B. A. Best, the delegates from all sister Associations were requested to report.

Bro. I. M. Powers and Elder E. J. Bell, from the Middle District Association, made reports and presented a letter, which were received.

On motion of B. A. Best, the letter, being one pertaining to an agreement between the two Associations, was read.

On motion of D. A. Williams, the same was received and adopted.

The Baptist Hymn Book being introduced by Elder C. Johnson, on motion of Elder M. A. Manuel, the same was recommended by this Association to all her churches.

The motion to receive New C. Bethel Church this year was taken up. Elder H. T. Smith said he held a due bill against the Association for $1.15 which the Moderator called for, and it not being presented, on motion of Elder W. C. Cowan, New C. Bethel Church was received this year with one dollar.

On motion of J. W. Hill, the ministers were requested to take up a collection at their different stands to-morrow for missionary purposes.

On motion of B. A. Best, it was ordered that 2,000 copies of the minutes be printed.

On motion of J. W. Hill, it was ordered that all the aggrieved churches be corrected in the minutes.

On motion of Henry Oats, the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met at 2 o'clock and was opened by singing on page 71 and prayer by J. W. Hill. The Moderator then announced the house ready for business.

J. W. Hill introduced Elder E. D. Hill and Hon. G. A. Mebane, associate editor of the *North Carolina Enterprise*.

Remarks were made by A. McCullough, A. R. Middleton and H. C.

Wright on the necessity of the colored people taking newspapers in order that they may know what is passing.

The Association paid one dollar for the *Enterprise*, to be sent to Elder J. O. Hayes, now in Africa.

An amendment was offered to the 5th article of the Constitution. (See resolution.)

On motion of Nicholas Moore, the reports of the Executive Committee and Treasurer were ordered to be read.

On motion of S. S. Steven, it was ordered that the ordained and licentiate ministers be enrolled.

On motion of Elder C. Taylor, it was resolved to notify each church connected with this Association, through the minutes, that the Association is dissatisfied with the conduct of some of her ministers who are not at work.

Elder T. H. Smith moved that as the Association had ordered credentials printed, they be signed while this body is in session. Adopted.

The Committee on Finance made their report. (See report.)

The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following report :— Preaching at the A. M. E Church at 7½ o'clock P. M. by Elder C. Johnson, Elder James Carroll, alternate.

On motion of S. S. Steven, it was ordered that the Clerk be paid $15 for his services here and preparing the minutes for publication.

On motion of Elder C. Taylor, it was resolved to send Elder A. M. Conway to the Foreign Mission Convention, which meets in Knoxville, Tenn., on the 23d of November, 1881.

On motion of B. A. Best, it was resolved to defray the expenses of the two delegates to the State Convention, to be held in Wilmington, and give each delegate one dollar above his expenses.

It was resolved that the missionary sermon be preached on Sunday morning at 10½ o'clock by Elder W. W. Colley, Elder H. Lee, alternate.

On motion of H. Lee, a vote of thanks was tendered the membership of this church for their kind hospitality to the ministers, delegates and visitors of this Association.

On motion of B. A. Best, it was resolved to send $19 to the State Convention.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Nicholas Moore. Benediction by Elder C. Taylor.

The following is the special order for Sunday's services : Elders W. C. Cowan and E. J. Bell at the A. M. E. Church at 11 A. M.

According to previous arrangements, Elders W. W. Colley and H. Lee conducted the missionary services at 10½ o'clock, which were begun by singing on page 800—"Go preach my Gospel, saith the Lord." The 35th chapter of Isaiah was read by Elder Colley, and prayer was offered by Elder Lee. Elder Colley then preached the missionary sermon from the 5th verse of the above chapter, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $9.30. Elder Colley accepted an invitation of Mr. T. J. Ferlow, from the white M. E. Church, and announced that he would lecture in that church at 7 o'clock. Benediction by Elder C. Johnson.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Colored Baptist Church at Riley's Creek, Pender county, N. C., on the 12th of October, 1882, which is Thursday before the third Lord's Day in October. The parting hand was then extended.

ELDER THOMAS PARKER, *Moderator*.

A. R. MIDDLETON, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

The report of committee on nomination of delegates was received and approved, and is as follows:

ON NOMINATION OF DELEGATES.

Your committee recommend as delegates to the State Convention, Elders A. M. Conway, T. Parker and C. Taylor. To the Middle District Association, Elder B. T. Rest, and Bros. Gabriel Strinfield and Nicholas Moore.

Respectfully yours,
B. A. BEST, Chm'n.

ON PLACE OF THE NEXT ASSOCIATION.

The report of committee on place of the next Association was rejected, and on motion of A. R. Middleton, Riley's Creek was selected as the place for the meeting of the next Association.

The report of committee on New C. Bethel Church was received and approved, which is as follows:

ON NEW C. BETHEL CHURCH.

We, your committee, have examined into the case of the said New C. Bethel church, and recommend that she be received as a church in good standing. T. PARKER, Chm'n.

The report of the Executive Board and Treasurer was received and approved, as follows:

ON EXECUTIVE BOARD AND TREASURER.

We ask to make the following report; Received at Roseville October 15th, 1880, Association funds amounting to $132.07. Paid out during the year $117.80. Balance on hand $13.27.

Respectfully yours, MILTON HOLMES, Chm'n.
G. A. BIZZELL, Treas.

The report of committee on electing Executive Board was received and adopted, which is as follows:

ON ELECTING EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your commitee on electing Executive Board, recommend the following brethren: Elders D. T. Best, S. Larking, W. C. Cowan, and Bros. R. B. Faison, J. W. Hill, Gabriel Stringfield and A. C. Moore.

Respectfully yours, THOS. THOMPSON, Chm'n.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted, as follows:

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

Number.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Association Funds.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School.
1	Red Hill,	$ 2 00	30	$.....	$.....
2	Johnson Chapel,	2 00	40	.....	50
3	Kenansville,	2 00	90	.....	.....
4	Little Field,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
5	Magnolia,	2 00	.....	58	1 00
6	Roseville,	2 00	1 00	1 00	50
7	Piney Grove,	2 00	1 00	.....	.....
8	Smith Chapel,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
9	Wilson's Chapel,	2 00	80	.....	.....
10	Wilmington First Baptist Church,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
12	Beaver Dam,	2 00	.....	67	.....
12	Mount Pleasant,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
13	Lillington Hall,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
14	Riley's Creek,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
15	Mount Zion,	2 00	10	10	50
16	Man Hollow,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
17	Clinton,	2 00	40	35	.....
18	Brown's Chapel,	2 00	.....	1 00	.....
19	Pilgrim's Rest,	2 00	.....	1 00	.....
20	Hill's Chapel, Duplin county,	2 00	50	50	1 00
21	Washington Catharine,	3 00	.....	52	.....
22	Bordeaux Chapel,	2 00	.....	.....	46
23	Elizabeth Chapel,	2 00	.....	45	.....
24	Shiloh Chapel,	2 00	.....	25	.....
25	Bear Swamp,	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 00
26	Snow Hill,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
27	Six Run,	2 00	.....	2 36	1 00
28	Hall's Chapel,	2 00	.....	91	.....
29	Peter's Tabernacle,	2 00	.....	50	.....
30	Friendship,	2 00	.....	.....	50
31	Hill's Chapel, Pender county,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
32	Hallsville,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
33	New C. Bethel,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
34	Love Grove,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
35	Peterson Chapel,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
36	Island Creek,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
37	Chinquepin,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
38	Shoulder's Branch, (Foreign Mission 30,)	2 00	.....	.....	.....
	Total amount received,	$77 00	$ 6 90	$11 69	$ 6 51

ROPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, the colored Baptists of all the Southern and many of the Northern States are now looking with great interest toward Africa, with the object of sending the Gospel of the Son of God to the uncounted millions now perishing for it; and

WHEREAS, the Colored Baptist State Convention of North Carolina did appoint Rev. J. O. Hayes to work as its missionary in West Africa, at their annual meeting in October, 1879, and Bro. J. O. Hayes did sail for and arrive in West Africa during the summer of 1881; and

WHEREAS, the Colored Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, for sending preachers to Africa, is ready to help the churches of North Carolina to support our missionary, Rev. J. O. Hayes, in Africa; be it

Resolved, That this Association appoint a Foreign Mission Board of thirteen, whose duty it shall be to look after the Foreign Mission work in her Association district, organizing Foreign Mission Societies and to have missionary sermons preached during the months of June and October, when we hope collections will be taken up in all the churches and Sunday Schools of this Association for our African Mission work; and that this Associational Board report to the State Foreign Mission Board, when called upon, and to this Association at her annual meetings.

Resolved, That this Association raise at this meeting all she can for the African Mission work, to be forwarded to the State Foreign Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER H. LEE,
" W. W. COLLEY,
" S. LARKINS,
BRO. B. A. BEST,
" L. A. HODGES,
} Committee.

OCTOBER 1ST, 1881.

THE MIDDLE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO THE KENANSVILLE EASTERN ASSOCIATION, GREETING:—

Dear Brethren: This is to certify that we, the members of the above named Association, do send you our love and best wishes for your prosperity and progress in building up the cause of our Lord and Master, hoping that you may have a good time at this session, and we send our prayers to God that He may crown your labors with abundant success. Amen. We also write to inform you that we send our correspondence to you by the following brethren, to-wit: Rev. E. J. Bell and Deacon I. M. Powers. Please remember us in your prayers.

Done by order of the Association.

WILLIAM DEVANE, *Moderator.*

REV. N. RYALS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WARRENSVILLE, SAMPSON CO., Oct. 2d, 1881.

TO THE EASTERN KENANSVILLE ASSOCIATION:

Dear Brethren: I am authorized by the church at Piney Grove to send its fraternal greeting, and further to promise that said church will support the Association during the ensuing year.

Your Brother in Christ,

S. M. PETERSON.

Elder H. Lee offered the following amendment to the 5th article of the Constitution :

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

NOTICE.

As there has been a misunderstanding between the Middle District and the Kenansville Eastern Baptist Association for some time, a called meeting was held at Adoram Church, Duplin county, August 26th, 1881, to settle the same. Elder Wm. Devane was called to the Chair, with Elder Thos. Parker and L. W. Alderman and E. J Bell as Secretaries. The Moderator then read 133d Psalm, prayer by Elder Thos. Parker, then the Moderator declared the house ready for business.

Motion that Rev. Thos. Parker preach a union sermon and Wm. Devane be his alternate ; after which Rev. Thomas Parker took the stand with Rev. Wm. Devane, when he read 13th Hebrews and offered prayer ; after which Elder Thos. Parker preached from 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 1st verse.

A collection was taken up to the amount of $4.42, then adjourned 15 minutes ; after which Thos. Parker was asked to state the object of the meeting. He did so. Other statements were made by Elders Devane, Davis, W. C. Cowan, I. M. Powers, Simon Larkins, R. Ryles and others ; at which time union prevailed between the two Associations, and it was moved by W. C. Cowan that there be a union between the Middle District and Eastern Association by the right hand of fellowship ; then singing and peace seemed to prevail. It was agreed that we will not receive any member or church without its membership.

There were twenty Churches represented ; there were ten delegates from each Association, with the two Executive Boards. All of which was agreed to.

WM. DEVANE, Chm'n.
L. W. ALDERMAN, Sec.
E. J. PELL, Pastor.

Constitution of the Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Kenansville Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that Church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church ; *Provided*, *however*, That when any Church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be

annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the Churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money sent up by the Churches, and collect one-half the funds during the session, and the other half goes to the Church where the Association is held, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9 The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Association Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her Churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a Chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4 The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Order of Business.

1. Reading Church Letters and enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.
2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.
3. At every Confreence the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercise.
4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.
5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote; shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate; may express his views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

Covenant.

Forasmuch as Almighty God, by His grace, has been pleased to call us, as we hope, (whose names are underneath subscribed,) out of darkness into his marvelous light; and all of us have been regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus, and have given up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another in a Gospel Church relation, to be governed and guided by a proper discipline, according to God's Word. We do, therefore, in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by His assistance, covenant and agree to keep the discipline of the Church, which we are members of, in the most brotherly affection towards one another, and endeavor punctually to observe the following rules: 1st. In brotherly love to pray for each other, to watch over one another, and if need be in the most tender and affectionate manner to reprove one another; that is, if we discover anything amiss in a brother, to go and tell him his faults, according to the direction given in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew, and not be whispering and backbiting. 2d. We also agree, with God's assistance, to pray in our families, attend our Church meetings, and not to absent ourselves from the communion of the Lord's Supper without a lawful excuse. To be ready to communicate to the defraying the Church expenses, and support of the Missionary, and not irregularly depart from the fellowship of the Church, nor to remove to distant Churches without a regular dismission.

These things we do covenant and agree to observe and keep sacred, in the name of and by the assistance of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Sabbath School Statistics.

Number.	CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	No. Scholars.	Bible Readers.	Teachers.
1	Kenansville,	.....	112	57	7
2	Smith's Chapel,	.....	1	6	2
3	Six Run,	$1	100	18	5
4	Elizabeth Chapel,	.....	36	6	3
5	Love Grove,	.....	.....	...	...
6	Washington Chatharine,	.....	.....	...	...
7	Hallsville,	.....	33	7	3
8	Mount Pleasant,	.....	60	10	5
9	Friendship,	.....	59	16	3
10	Island Creek,	....	20	6	2
11	Bordeaux Chapel,	..	31	5	4
12	Snow Hill,	.....	30	15	3
13	Beaver Dam,	.....	50	20	5
14	Riley's Creek,	.....	35	...	3
15	Wilson's Chapel,	.....	25	15	1
16	Piney Grove,	.....	.....	...	..
17	Wilmington,	.....	.....	...	...
18	Red Hill,	....	.....	...	...
19	Roseville,	.....	80	40	6
20	New C. Bethel,	.....	20	15	2
21	Little Field,	.....	.....	...	1
22	Hall's Chapel,	.....	40	9	3
23	Man Hollow,	.....	40	20	1
24	Brown's Chapel,	.....	84	25	3
25	Magnolia,	.....	85	...	...
26	Chinquepin,	.....	50	25	5
27	Hill's Chapel, in Duplin county,	.....	1 00	50	1
28	Pilgrim's Rest,	.....	47	12	2
29	Mount Zion,	.....	31	...	1
30	Shoulder's Branch,	.....	50	25	4
31	Clinton,	.....	40	37	10
32	Enoch Chapel,	.....	.....	15	3
33	Snow Hill,	.....	.....	...	3
34	Lillington Hall,	.....	50	...	...
35	Shiloh Chapel,	.....	22	3	...
36	Peterson's Tabernacle,	.....	30	20	...
37	Hill's Chapel in Pender county,	.....	35	6	...

Bear Swamp Sunday School sends as follows: For School purposes, $1.00; for Foreign Missions, 50 cents; for Home Missions, 50 cents.

Statistical Table, No. 1.

Number	CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Pastor's Salary.	Value Church Property.	Association Fund.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Schcol Funds.	Church Extension.
1	Kenansville	S.Conner, A.R.Middleton, D.A.Williams.	$ 80 00	$ 800	$2 00	.....	$ 90	.....	.....	$10 00
2	Bear Swamp	J. W. Hill, L. W. Hodges, A. Gillespie...	.....	.....	2 00	$1 00	.....	$1 00	.....	.....
3	Hill's Chapel	Thos. Parker, H. C. Wright, Henry Oats.	10 00	450	4 00	50	50	.....	.....	.....
4	Six Run	I. J. McKensy, R. B. Faison, S. S. Steven.	48 50	400	2 00	2 36	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Red Hill	B. Roberson, W. Peterson, A. Boykin....	25 00	.....	2 00	.....	30	.....	.....	.....
6	Roseville	Gabriel Stringfield, J. C. Fennal.....	60 00	125	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	14 25
7	Wilson's Chapel	J. Collwell, G. S. Wilson, J. M. Joiner...	100 25	24	2 00	.....	80	.....	.....	.....
8	Snow Hill	Isham Butler, D. T. Best.....	30 00	200	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Wilmington	A. M. Conway, H. L. Walker.....	40 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Piney Grove	I. Boykin, Jacob Rich, J. M. Peterson....	50 00	250	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	15 00
11	Riley's Creek	Wesley Jones, Lonzo Stringfield.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Beaver Dam	J. A. Jacob, Jr., M. A. Manuel.....	.....	50	2 00	67	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Mount Pleasant	Cato Oats, C. Taylor.....	25 00	25	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
14	Friendship	Toby Bowden, S. Larkin.....	400 00	40	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Bordeaux Chapel	Amos Mashbom, L. W. Alderman.....	.....	200	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Island Creek	Mingo Fay, Bacarias Love.....	16 67	50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00
17	New C Bethel	H. T. Smith, John Faison.....	36 20	600	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Little Field	Wilder Wilson, Whitfield Jackson.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Magnolia	Guilford Farrier, Owen Byotte.....	.....	500	.....	.....	85	.....	$1 00	.....
20	Man Hollow	H. C. Eaden, R. J. Moore, John Moore...	25 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
21	Hall's Chapel	H. Lee, Robert McAbsu.....	.....	300	2 00	82	.....	.....	.....	5 00
22	Clinton	G. A. Bizzell, M. Holmes, B. A. Best.....	40 00	100	2 00	35	40	.....	.....	3 00
23	Enoch Chapel	Joseph Williams.....	15 50	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Shoulder's Branch	Wright Dixon, Bunkly Williams.....	36 00	100	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00

25	Chinquepin	McKoy Hill, W. H. Savage	.....	20	2 00	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
26	Pilgrim's Rest	Daniel Carr, Gab Carr, Geo. Crumitie	35 00	10	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 80
27	Mount Zion	Allen Williams, James Carroll	.....	.....	2 00	10	.....	.....	.....	17 75
28	Brown's Chapel	Calvin Sampson, W. M. Sampson	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00
29	Peterson's Chapel	A. Robertson, H. Grigey, B. Grigey	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Peter's Tabernacle	Henry Hayes, Henry Newkirk	45 45	55	2 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Shiloh Chapel	D. L. Smith	.....	.....	2 00	25	.....	.....	.....	13 17
32	Hill's Chapel	W. M. Spear, S. Larkin, Thos. Miller	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Love Grove	Alvin Love, George Harward	15 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Hallsville	J. W. Brown, S. Stalling, S. H. McCullough	40 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	Smith's Chapel	Joseph Houston, Dunday Williams	5 25	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	Elizabeth Chapel	K. Monroe, W. Williams	.....	.....	2 00	45	.....	.....	.....	17 44
37	Washington Catharine	C. Carroll	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Lillington Hall	Alfred Mashbom, F. Moore, D. Graham	.....	300	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Statistical Table No. 2.

CHURCHES.	Regular Preaching.	Pray'r Meet'g.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Kenansville,	1	3	36	2	21	4	24	5	139	247	346
Bear Swamp,	2	...	20	...	21	6	18	...	.....	.....	304
Hill's Chapel,	3	..	16	4	12	1	6	2	111	240	351
Six Run,	4	...	22	...	20	...	14	9	125	303	428
Red Hill,	4	...	7	...	4	1	10	2	37	51	88
Roseville,	2	..	12	...	4	2	2	5	67	90	157
Wilson's Chapel,	1	...	...	...	3	1	5	1	41	82	123
Snow Hill,	4	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	22	42	64
Wilmington,	1	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove,	3	1	17	2	2	1	17	3	63	88	151
Riley's Creek,	.....	...	6	...	4	...	4	1	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Dam,	2	...	2	3	5	1	10	3	28	27	55
Mount Pleasant,	3	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	22	28	50
Friendship,	3	...	3	...	2	...	4	...	39	30	69
Bordeaux Chapel,	1	...	5	2	7	...	2	...	35	85	120
Island Creek,	1	...	3	5	...	...	...	1	4	11	15
New C. Bethel,	1	...	10	2	3	2	2	3	10	26	36
Little Field,	4	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	6	21	27
Magnolia,	4	...	22	2	...	...	3	2	34	106	140
Man Hollow,	1	..	9	1	...	2	3	1	13	37	50
Hall's Chapel,	2	...	12	..	2	2	3	...	25	90	115
Clinton,	2	...	...	1	...	1	1	2	27	38	65
Enoch Chapel,	3	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	22	56	78
Shoulder's Branch,	4	..	1	..	2	7	...	1	31	41	72
Chinquepin,	2	...	2	1	2	...	3	...	12	13	25
Pilgrim's Rest,	3	...	32	1	4	...	3	2	65	90	155
Mount Zion,	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	15	11	26
Brown's Chapel,	1	...	3	...	3	..	5	...	48	71	119
Peterson's Chapel,	2	1	11	...	6	...	...	...	37	70	107
Peterson's Tabernacle,	4	...	7	3	...	...	...	1	24	29	53
Shiloh Chapel,	4	..	6	..	1	...	...	...	11	18	29
Hill's Chapel,	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	13	24	37
Love Grove,	3	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	3	7	10
Hallsville,	3	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	40	63	103
Smith's Chapel,	4	...	...	2	1	3	...	2	17	22	39
Elizabeth Chapel	1	7	..	5	3	...	1	...	32	46	78
Washington Catharine,	4	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	24	28	52
Lillington Hall,	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	6	9	15

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

No.	Churches.	Counties.	Pastors and their Post Offices.	Clerks and their Post Offices.
1	Kenansville,	Duplin,	Thos. Parker, Warsaw,	A. R. Middleton, Kenansville.
2	Bear Swamp,	"	" " "	J. H. Davis, Warsaw.
3	Hill's Chapel,	"	" " "	H. C. Wright, Faison.
4	Six Run,	Sampson,	" " "	I. J. McKensy, Six Run.
5	Red Hill,	"	G. W. Faison, Clinton,	C. A. Holmes, Clinton.
6	Roseville,	"	D. T. Best, Clinton,	Peter Fennell, Harrell's Store.
7	Wilson's Chapel,	"	S. Wilson, Warsaw,	J. M. Joiner, Warsaw.
8	Snow Hill,	"	D. T. Best, Clinton,	Peter Brewer, Clinton,
9	Wilmington,	New Hanover,	A. M. Conway, Wilmington,	E. Neill, Wilmington.
10	Piney Grove,	Sampson,	Simon Wilson, Warsaw,	J. S. Highsmith, Warringville.
11	Riley's Creek,	Pender,	R. J. Lamb, Long Creek,	Wesley Jones, Long Creek.
12	Beaverdam,	Sampson,	Jesse Jacob, Clinton,	Enoch Manual, Beaman's X Roads.
13	Mount Pleasant,	"	C. Taylor, Clinton,	Owen Holmes, Clinton.
14	Friendship,	Pender,	S. Larkin, Wilmington,	Toby Bowden, Rocky Point.
15	Burdeaux's Chapel,	"	R. J. Lamb, Long Creek,	L. W. Alderman, Point Caswell.
16	Island Creek,	"	H, T. Smith, Wilmington,	Mingo Foy, Castle Hayne.
17	New C. Bethel,	New Hanover,	" " "	John Faison, Wilmington.
18	Littlefield,	Sampson,	Simon Wilson, Warsaw,	Henry Hardes, Clinton.
19	Magnolia,	Duplin,	H. Lee, Burgaw,	A. J. Coralton, Magnolia.
20	Man Hollow,	Pender,	S. Larkin, Wilmington,	Henry Eaden, Sloop Point.
21	Hall's Chapel,	"	H. Lee, Burgaw,	G. G. Allen, Wallace.
22	Clinton,	Sampson,	C. Taylor, Clinton,	Uriah Hubbard, Clinton.
23	Enoch Chapel,	New Hanover,	J. H. Dorsy, Wilmington,	Isaiah Benerman, Wilmington,
24	Shoulder's Branch,	" "	S. M. Burney, Supply,	W. W. Dixon, Castle Hayne,
25	Chinquepin,	Duplin,	W. H Boon, Hallsville,	W. R. Batts, Chinquepin via Wallace.
26	Pilgrim's Rest,	Sampson,		J. B. Herring, Herringville.
27	Mount Zion,	Pender,	James Carroll, Benaman Bridge,	H. D. Harris, Benaman Bridge.
28	Boon's Chapel,	Sampson,	D. T. Best, Clinton,	George Sampson, Clinton.
29	Peterson's Chapel,	"	G. W. Faison, Clinton,	Primus Peterson, Taylor's Bridge.
30	Peter's Tabernacle,	Duplin,	W. C. Cowan, Wilmington,	I. H. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.
31	Shiloh Chapel	New Hanover,	David Howard, Wilmington,	D. L. Smith, Wilmington.
32	Hill's Chapel,	Pender,	Wm. Spear, Long Creek,	C. C. Spear, Long Creek.
33	Love Grove,	"	H. T. Smith, Wilmington,	Henry Eaden, Sloop Point.
34	Hallsville,	Duplin,	R. J. Lamb, Long Creek,	S. H. McCullough, Hallsville.
35	Smith's Chapel,	"	W. H. Boon, Hallsville,	Q. J. Quinn, Beauna Vista,
36	Elizabeth Chapel,	Sampson,	M. A. Manual, Beaman's X Roads,	Lewis J. Steward, Holly's Store.
37	Wash'ton Catharine,	Pender,	I. Hall, South Washington,	L. Whiten, South Washington.
38	Lillington Hall,	"	R. J. Lamb, Long Creek	

Proceedings of the Executive Board.

Pursuant to the call of Elder D. T. Best, Chairman, the Executive Board met at Magnolia, N. C., on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in November, 1881, for the purpose of examining the manuscript of the minutes of the Association, before going to press, and to direct where said minutes should be printed, the number of copies to be printed and the amount to be paid for the same.

The Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and to have the same correctly executed.

The following appointments were then made for the next session, viz: Introductory Sermon, Elder H. Lee; Elder W. C. Cowan, alternate. On Baptism, Elder Thomas Parker; Elder W. R. Mainor, aldernate. On Temperance, Elder C. Taylor; Elder Simon Wilson, alternate. Missionary, Elder D. T. Best; Elder S. S. Smith, alternate. Denominational, Elder A. M Conway; Elder William Spear, alternate. Doctrinal, Elder R. J. Lamb; Elder Simon Larkin, alternate.

D. T. BEST, *Chairman.*

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